

HOUSE BILL 994

By Keisling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 11, Part 6, relative to criminal liability.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-621, is amended by deleting the language "or threaten to use" and adding the following language at the end of the section:

A threat to use deadly force, in itself, is not considered use of deadly force for purposes of this section. A private citizen shall not threaten to use deadly force unless the arrest is for a crime committed or threatened against the citizen making the arrest or a violent crime committed or threatened in the presence of the citizen making the arrest.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.